

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

On the merits, applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art even though all of the features of claim 3 have not been incorporated into claim 1. In addition, applicants submit that amended claim 1 particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention and is not unclear even though all of the features of claim 3 have not been incorporated into claim 1.

Applicants submit that neither U.S. Patent No. 6,377,241 to Kage, U.S. Patent No. 5,109,225 to Morita, nor U.S. Patent No. 5,554,980 to Hashimoto recite or suggest a function that enables pointer coordinates to be assigned to an information processing device, which pointer coordinates are an average of at least two pointer coordinates stored in the memory, as recited in claim 1. Since the cited prior art does not teach or suggest the limitations recited in amended claim 1, applicants respectfully believe that claim 1 is in condition for allowance even though all of the features of claim 3 have not been incorporated in claim 1. If the Examiner does not agree, applicants respectfully request a non-final Office Action explaining why amended claim 1 is not in condition for allowance over the cited prior art.

As mentioned above, applicants also submit that amended claim 1 is not unclear even though all of the features of claim 3 have not been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 1, as

amended recites, “assigning to the information processing device, pointer coordinates as a function of pointer coordinates present in the memory during a predetermined period of time prior to said clicking of the button associated with the displacement signal generating device” and, “wherein the function enables pointer coordinates to be assigned to the information processing device, which pointer coordinates are an average of at least two pointer coordinates stored in the memory.” Thus, applicants submit that incorporating the averaging limitation of claim 3 into claim 1 does not make claim 1 unclear because the assigned pointer coordinates can be, in one embodiment, an average of two pointer coordinates stored in memory prior to a click.

Applicants also submit that claim 3 does not have to be cancelled because the invention as recited in claim 3 is distinguishable from the invention as recited in claim 1. Claim 3 recites, obtaining average pointer coordinates using at least one pointer coordinates obtained before a click and at least one pointer coordinates obtained after a click. This additional limitation is not recited in claim 1, therefore claim 3 does not have to be cancelled.

Applicants submit that claim 1 as amended is not unclear even though all of the limitations of claim 3 have not been incorporated in claim 1. Thus, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Claims 2-8 depend from independent Claim 1 discussed above and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. However, if for any

reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned agent at the number listed below prior to issuing a further action.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or surcharges that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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